

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS  
RESOLUTION 49-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND APPOINTING LT. COL. PABLO MITCHELL AS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE**

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 33-18 of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights (the "Charter") the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, shall appoint the heads of all offices, departments, and agencies of the Town government as established by the Charter or by ordinance and all office, department, and agency heads shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council, and all subordinate officers and employees of the offices, departments, and agencies of the Town government shall be appointed and removed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council, in accordance with rules and regulations of any merit system which may be adopted by the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 23.1 of the Town Ordinance Code, the appointment of the Chief of Police shall be approved by ordinance or resolution, and the Chief of Police shall assist the Mayor in the establishment and maintenance of a Police Department and furthermore the power to manage and operate the Town's Police Department shall be vested in the Chief of Police, subject to approval and oversight by the Mayor and Council, and it shall be the function of the Forest Heights Police Department to enforce the laws of the Town and, when appropriate and lawful, the Laws of Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, and the Chief of Police shall ensure that the police department adequately and competently fulfills its function; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 33-66 of the Charter, all department heads shall be recommended by the Town Administrator for appointment by the Mayor with approval of the Council and whereby the Town Administrator has recommended Lt. Colonel Pablo Mitchell to be appointed as Acting Chief of Police of the Town of Forest Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find that Lt. Col. Mitchell has the requisite experience, education and knowledge to serve as Acting Chief of Police and it is in the best interest of the Town to employ and thereby appoint Mr. Mitchell as Acting Chief of Police.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, and enacted that the Town Council hereby approves the appointment of Lt. Colonel Pablo Michell as Acting Chief of Police of the Forest Heights Police Department to serve in said position for a period of no more than six (6) months at the rank of Lt. Colonel and at a salary authorized by Council that said officer shall return to his former position as Deputy Chief once a Police Chief is named; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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PASSED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2, 2017.

**APPROVED:** By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>YEA</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>YEA</u>
MCLAURIN	<u>YEA</u>
BARNES	<u>ABSENT</u>
HINES	<u>YEA</u>
SMITH-BARNES	<u>ABSENT</u>
BROWNSON	<u>YEA</u>

ATTEST:

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

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Bonita C. Anderson, Town Clerk

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathon Kennedy, II, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2017 with 5 Aye votes and 0 Nay votes the aforesaid Resolution 49-17 passed.

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

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Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk